

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA

ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES – SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT - Allegation of corruption against Sri A. Srinivasulu, Gazetted Head Master, ZPHS, Ramanthapur, FAC Mandal Education Officer, Uppal Mandal, Ranga Reddy District – Trapped on 25-04-2014 – Sanction for Prosecution – Orders - Issued.

SCHOOL EDUCATION (VIGILANCE) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 25

Dated:07.09.2015.

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ORDER:

WHEREAS, Avadhanam Srinivasulu @ Srinivas S/o A. Subramanyam, Gazetted Head Master, ZPHS, Ramanthapur held Full Additional Charge of the post of Mandal Educational Officer, Uppal from 20.11.2013 to 25.04.2014 and by virtue of the post held by him, he falls under the category of a “Public Servant” as defined under section 2 (C) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988).

2. AND WHEREAS, Sri Gatla Girish S/o Shankaraiah, age 53 years, Occ: Tailor R/o Block No.12, Plot No.9, Rajiv Gruha Kalpa Colony, Kuntloor, Hayathnagar (M), Ranga Reddy District is the complainant in this case.

3. AND WHEREAS, it is alleged that Sri Gatla Girish is a resident of Kuntloor, Hayathnagar (M), Ranga Reddy District and eking livelihood by doing tailoring in the name and style of Jenis Tailors at his residence. He is stitching School uniforms for the students of Govt. Schools. For the last two years, he is stitching School uniforms to the students of (11) Govt. Schools under Uppal Mandal from Rajiv Vidya Mission. He entered into Agreement letters i.e. Memorandum of Understanding with the Head Masters of (9) Schools under Uppal Mandal in the name of his Jenis Tailors for stitching School uniforms for this year. But, Agreement letters pertaining to only (8) Schools came to the Head Master, ZPHS, Uppal Kalan who is complex School Head Master. The Head Master, ZPHS, Uppal Kalan addressed a Resolution letter to the MEO, Uppal Mandal on 25-2-2014, for sanction of cloth for stitching School uniforms to (11) Schools and enclosed the Agreement letters of (8) Schools and the same were handed over to him and asked him to get the cloth sanctioned by MEO, Uppal Mandal. Since, then he met the MEO, Uppal Mandal at his office several times, but the MEO dodged the matter. On 21-4-2014 he met the MEO, Uppal at his Office and by showing the Resolution letter of Head Master, ZPHS, Uppal Kalan requested to sanction cloth for stitching School uniforms. The MEO stated that Agreement letters of only (8) Schools were there, but in the Resolution letter it was mentioned (11) Schools and asked him to rectify the same. On the same day, he met and informed the same to the Head Master, ZPHS, Uppal Kalan, who rectified the Resolution as (8) Schools in place of (11) Schools and signed on it and handed over to him. In turn he handed over the same to MEO, Uppal Mandal and requested to sanction the cloth. Then the MEO informed him that if an amount of Rs.30,000/- is paid as bribe to him, he would write to provide cloth on the Resolution letter. As he was not having that much amount he returned. Again on 24-4-2014 in the afternoon at about 12:30 hours, when he met Sri A.Srinivasulu, MEO, Uppal at his Office and requested him to sanction the cloth, the MEO enquired about the bribe amount. When he informed the MEO that he is not in a position to pay the amount as bribe and pleaded, the MEO reduced the bribe amount to Rs.20,000/- and informed him that on payment of bribe of Rs. 20,000/- only, he would write sanction orders on the Resolution for release of cloth and also informed him that on 25-4-2014 if he calls him over his cell phone, he would inform him when and where to come. The MEO also informed him that on 25-4-2014, if he pays Rs.10,000/- as bribe, immediately he will sign on the Resolution letter recommending sanction of cloth and the remaining Rs.10,000/- must be paid within 4-5 days and returned the original Resolution letter consisting of (8) Schools agreement papers to him. As there was no other go, he agreed to pay Rs. 10,000/- as bribe on 25-4-2014. But, he was not willing to pay the bribe amount to Sri A. Srinivasulu, MEO, Uppal and requested for taking necessary legal action against him. After following the due procedure, the D.S.P., A.C.B. Hyderabad Range registered the complaint as a case in Cr.No.7/RCT-HR/2014 under section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 on 25-4-2014 at 10.00 hours and took up investigation.

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4. AND WHEREAS, after completing the pre-trap proceedings on 25.04.2014, the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Hyderabad Range, Hyderabad Inspectors along with trap party consisting of the Mediators, staff of ACB, Hyderabad Range, Hyderabad Sri Gatla Girish, proceeded to the residence of the MEO situated at H.No.1-4-2/3/2, Nageswara Nagar Colony, Road No.4, Kothapet, Hyderabad on the directions of the MEO. The MEO Sri A.Srinivasulu was successfully trapped by the ACB officials when he further demanded and accepted bribe amount of Rs.10,000/- from Sri Gatla Girish, S/o Shankaraiah, resident of Rajiv Gruha Kalpa Colony, Kuntloor, Hayathnagar(M), Ranga Reddy District. The Sodium Carbonate solution test conducted on the right hand fingers of Sri A.Srinivasulu, MEO yielded positive results. On questioning by the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Hyderabad Range, Hyderabad, Sri A.Srinivasulu, MEO produced the tainted amount of Rs.10,000/- from the right side pocket of his pant. As per the instructions of DSP, the mediators took the tainted amount and compared the serial numbers of the currency notes and found them tallied with that of the serial numbers provided by Sri Gatla Girish during pre-trap proceedings. The Sodium Carbonate solution test conducted on inner linings of the right side pant pocket of Sri A.Srinivasulu, MEO which came into contact with the tainted amount yielded positive result. The DSP seized the resultant solutions, and the pant of Sri A.Srinivasulu, MEO, the tainted amount, relevant records etc., and examined the witnesses.

5. AND WHEREAS, Sri A.Srinivasulu, Mandal Education Officer, Uppal Mandal, Ranga Reddy District was served with a Notice dated 06-06-2014 calling for his explanation with regard to the allegations levelled against him in Cr.No.7/RCT-HR/2014 and he offered his written explanation on 16-06-2014.

6. AND WHEREAS, the above said acts of Sri A.Srinivasulu, Mandal Education Officer, Uppal Mandal, Ranga Reddy District constitute the offences punishable under sections 7 and 13 (2) read with 13 (1)(d) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, and the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Hyderabad Range, Hyderabad arrested Sri A.Srinivasulu, Mandal Education Officer, Uppal Mandal, Ranga Reddy District on 07-05-2014 at 11.30 hours.

7. AND WHEREAS, the Government being the competent authority to remove the said Sri A.Srinivasulu, Mandal Education Officer, Uppal Mandal, Ranga Reddy District from service after fully and carefully examining the material (i.e. FIR, Mediator Names I & II. Gist of statement of witnesses, documents seized during post trap proceedings etc.) placed in respect of the said allegations and the circumstances of the case consider that Sri A.Srinivasulu, Mandal Education Officer, Uppal Mandal, Ranga Reddy District should be prosecuted in a Court of Law.

8. NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, the Government of Telangana hereby accord sanction for prosecution of Sri A.Srinivasulu, Mandal Education Officer, Uppal Mandal, Ranga Reddy District for the above said offences punishable under section 7 and sub section(2) of section 13 read with clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of Law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a Court of Competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

(RANJEEV R. ACHARYA)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
The Director General
Anti-Corruption Bureau,
Telangana, Hyderabad.